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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 5/21/08.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-3 and 5-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 8 and 13-16 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-7, 9-12 and 17-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to paper filed 5/21/08.

This action is on claims 1-3, 5-12 and 17-41.

Rejections Necessitated By Amendment

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-12, and 17-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Winkler *et al.* (Journal of Virology 1997, Vol. 71, pages 6727- 6741, from IDS) and ter Meulen *et al.* (US 5646032)

Applicant argues that the references must enable the claimed invention and put it in possession of the public, that the inventors have made a fully infectious clone, that ter Meulen *et al.* teach human foamy viruses, that applicant had to do extra cloning to make the infectious virus beyond that of Winkler *et al.*, and that the Winkler *et al.* clones are not fully functional as noted on page 12 paragraph 2.

Applicant arguments have been fully considered and found persuasive in part.

First, not all the claims require an infectious clone.

Second, as stated in the last action Zemba *et al.* use the clones of Winkler *et al.* (page 151, column 1, only full paragraph) and they were infectious (“most of them [Feline Foamy Virus clones] had only low level of infectivity” (page 151, column 1, only full paragraph, lines 12-13). The fact that they only had low level of infectivity does not change the fact that they were infectious. Applicant’s arguments asserting the

disclosure on page 12 and Zemba et al. are analogous agree that the clones from Winkler et al. were infectious, even though not to a high level.

While applicant may have made a more robust infectious clone, neither specification nor claims define infectious in such a way to differentiate the two. As far as extra cloning to make the construct, Winkler et al. recloned a region several times to make their clone and the sequencing and verifying of clones is routine, as is optimizing rescue.

Ter Meulen et al. is used to show the construction of retroviral vectors and associated manipulations in a related virus, not that it is intended that the claims are directed to human foamy virus.

Thus, the rejection is maintained for claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-12, and 17-41.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 8 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if drawn to the deposit and rewritten in independent form.

Conclusion

No claim is allowed.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MYRON G. HILL whose telephone number is (571)272-0901. The examiner can normally be reached on 5:30 am-2 pm Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bruce Campell can be reached on 571-272-0974. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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